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BRIGHTER BUSINESS.

Efforts To Restore Confidence In Note Issue.

IRONSIDES CONTINUE THEIR MARCH TOWARDS KIANGSI.

Things seem to be going fairly well with the present Canton Government under General Li Chai-sum, who has made considerable progress in the task of putting his house in order.

"Successes" in the East River basin against the Ironsides have been confirmed. Or, at least, it is definitely known that the Ironsides have increased their distance from Canton, although the Government army has not caught up with them.

The small and obsolete units comprising the Canton Navy are under the Government; at Swatow, the Northern cruiser "Haichi," the biggest warship under the Chinese flag, is also joining hands with the Canton Government.

REDS AT SWATOW.

Tension at Swatow and hinterland has eased slightly although vigilance is still maintained. Danger from political opponents has passed, but the Red element in the vicinity has yet to be suppressed.

From semi-official sources it is learned that the Ironsides have evacuated Hoyuen, about 120 miles eastward of Canton and are continuing their march up the East River toward the Kiangsi frontier. Kwangsi forces under the Canton Government are expected to enter Hoyuen at any moment.

The cruiser "Haichi" is believed to have arrived at an understanding with the two Cantonese warships, "Feiying" and "Chung-shan."

Help for the Government in averting a financial crisis has been promised by the merchants, but it remains to be seen whether the people of Canton will be able to find a sum which they failed to provide a few months ago to the same "borrowers." The subject is referred to below.

Loan Proposals.

Canton, Yesterday. The Sun Co.'s establishment reopened for business yesterday, after an interval of some time following the Red riots in the city last month.

Paper money (issued by the Government's bank) is accepted in public at 30 per cent. discount and goods are, accordingly, so much the dearer.

To-day General Li Chai-sum sent a representative to attend a meeting of merchants and shopkeepers convened by the Special Chamber of Commerce of the city.

Confidence, Expressed,

The object is to find a loan of \$10,000,000 for the Government to restore confidence in the bank-note issue, calls for which will be made on all business establishments.

Following the meeting, it was confidently expressed that the notes will rise in value immediately. In one quarter, it has stated that par may be reached in two days or not later than the end of the week. The meeting was held at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. on the Bund.

NANKING SOLDIERY.

Evacuate All Foreign Property.

Nanking, Yesterday. All foreign property here has been evacuated.—British Naval Wireless.

[This message is believed to indicate that the Chinese military which some time ago billeted itself in foreign-owned houses and offices has now vacated.]

SHANGHAI DEFENCES.

New Commissioner to Be Appointed.

Shanghai, Yesterday. General Chang Chun, it is stated, is to be appointed Commissioner. He now commands the Fourth Independent Division of the Nationalist Army.

YANGTSE TURMOIL.

Defeat For Nanking Army.

MILITARY POWERS.

Nationalists Order Arrest Of Yang Sen.

Hankow, Yesterday. That turmoil in Central China, along the Yangtze River, may be impending, is evident from the following reports to hand:

A part of the armies which formerly supported the (now defunct) independent Hankow Government (of which General Tang Seng-chi was chief) has defeated the (nominally pro-Nanking) forces which, after crushing the Hankow Government, marched southward up the Siang River (a tributary of the Yangtze) on Hunan province. The defeated Nationalist army is the 19th.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, at Nanking, is seeking an alliance with the ex-Hankow armies, these being the 8th, 35th and 36th, which are commanded by General Ho Chien and others. The control of these armies, however, may pass back to General Tang Seng-chi who is believed to have returned to Hunan (after fleeing, upon defeat, to Japan).

Military factions in power along the lower Yangtze (i.e., from Hankow downward) are not in favour of Chiang Kai-shek, due largely to his marriage into the family of Mr. T. V. Soong, who was Finance Minister at Hankow and is now Finance Minister at Nanking. The Generals are afraid that the Chiang-Soong combination may deprive them of their lucrative posts.

General Fang Tsien-wu, who intended coming down toward Hankow from the North to join the Nationalists, is stated to have withdrawn northwards, out of Hupeh province.

Along the upper Yangtze, General Yang Sen's position does not appear too secure. The Nationalist Government at Nanking opposes him and has instructed Liu Hailang, military governor of Szechuan province (on the upper reaches of the Yangtze), as commander of the 21st Nationalist Army, to arrest Yang Sen.—British Naval Wireless.

NORTHERN WAR.

Fighting in Vicinity of Shansi.

Peking, Yesterday.

Chang Tsung-chang has wired from Tsinanfu to the effect that in view of his receiving money and munitions from the Peking Government for the troops of the latter, they are now high in morale. He, therefore, has decided to re-attack the Kuomintung, and has sent three armies towards Kueiyeh and Kinhianshang from where he will launch an attack.

Fighting has been proceeding in the vicinity of Shansi since the 5th inst.—Reuter.

AFGHAN KING.

VISITS FAMOUS RIDING SCHOOL.

ACROBATIC EXHIBITION.

Rome, Yesterday.

After a cordial reception by Their Italian Majesties and the populace of Rome, King Amanullah of Afghanistan today attended military races at Paroli Course and shook hands with and congratulated the winners.

Subsequently he visited the famous military riding school at Tordi Quinto, where he witnessed a spectacular and almost acrobatic exhibition by cavalry officers, who descended almost perpendicular hills, their horses sliding down or jumping from the second floor of the balcony to the ground.

King Amanullah was most delighted and told King Victor: "It is one of the finest shows I have ever seen."

He enquired about the origin of the organization of the school, and was much interested to hear that the officers from almost all over the world come to Rome to be trained there.—Reuter's American Service.

LIBERTY BONDS.

U.S. TREASURY NOTES IN EXCHANGE.

LESS INTEREST.

New York, Yesterday.

The Treasury on January 16 will offer less 3½ per cent. Treasury Notes in exchange for 4½ per cent third Liberty Bonds of 1918. The amount of the notes issued will depend on the amount of bonds surrendered. Reuter's American Service.

A NANKING LEVY.

Mr. Soong Calls For Over Eight Millions.

BY JANUARY 15.

Provincial Treasuries Opium, Salt & Customs To Be Tapped.

Shanghai, Yesterday. Mr. T. V. Soong (brother-in-law of Chiang Kai-shek), who has just been re-appointed Nationalist Finance Minister, has called a meeting of the finance officials from the provinces of Kiangsu, Chekiang and Anhui.

Quotas were allotted by Mr. Soong of contributions by the various revenue bureaus to the Nationalist Exchequer.

Mr. Soong's request is for a total of over \$8,600,000, to be remitted by Jan. 15, from provincial treasuries, opium bureaus, fields, salt, cigarette, liquor, and Customs surtaxes.—"Kung Sheung Yat Po."

POLITICAL QUARRELS.

Overnight cables report little progress in the Nationalist camp at Nanking, following Generalis-

BUILDING CLAIM.

Two Contractors at Law.

HOUSES IN KOWLOON.

Large Sum Asked For Alleged Extra Work.

In the Supreme Court this morning the action brought as a consequence of a dispute arising out of the building of 15 European-style houses on Kowloon Inland, Lot No. 1801 at Yaumati, was resumed before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, when the defendant gave evidence.

The Sang Loong contractors, 14 Man Lam Street, Yaumati, are suing the owner of the houses, Lui Siu-ching, 10 Wing Lok Street, for \$26,187.40. Of this amount \$7,000 is claimed as due under the building contract dated January 3, 1924, and \$19,187.40 as payment for extra work done in connection with the building of the houses.

The defendant counterclaims for \$8,770.11 as damages for defective and unsatisfactory work and omissions.

It is claimed by the defence that some of the extra work claimed for is not extra work but ordinary necessary for the completion of the contract.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall, is for the plaintiff and Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, is defending.

DEFECTIVE WORK.

Continuing his evidence defendant said it cost him \$1,745.11 to put the defective work right.

Cross-examined by Mr. Jenkin, defendant agreed that in certain instances his books did not agree with plaintiff's. With the exception of the external Shanghai plastering, at a cost of \$3,000 there was not, he contended, any extra work at all.

Further questioned, defendant said he had been in the building trade for seven years. For his own houses built on Government land he engaged his own labour and bought his own materials. He himself occasionally examined the books and the work.

NOT MENTIONED.

Questioned regarding the houses the building costs of which formed the subject of this suit, defendant said he engaged Mr. Raven to draw up the plans before the contract was signed.

He agreed there was no mention in the plans of wells, pump houses or tanks, but said he told plaintiff that these things would have to be included in the tender.

The case is proceeding.

TO PROSECUTE.

Mr. Wadeson agreed, and said that as he did not know the facts of the case he was leaving the application for a further remand in the hands of Mr. King. As a matter of fact, he added, his firm had been retained to prosecute in the case.

THE MAGISTRATE.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE IN COLONY.

C. J. GOOD WISHES.

Mr. Kahan Singh Chowdhury was this morning admitted to practice in the Colony as a barrister.

Sir Joseph Kemp, the Attorney-General, in making application before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, in the Supreme Court, said that Mr. Chowdhury was called to the Bar of the Honourable Society of King's Inn, Dublin, on November 1, 1924.

In making the admission His Lordship said he trusted M.

Chowdhury would meet with all success.

Mr. Chowdhury, it is understood, is the first Indian barrister

to be admitted to practise in Hong Kong. He formerly practised in Sandakan, British North Borneo.

DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

A TRANSFER TO SANTIAGO DE CHILE.

Rugby, Yesterday.

His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of Mr. Archibald John Clark Kerr, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Guatemala, to be Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Santiago de Chile.—British Wireless Service.

IRAQ CABINET.

RESIGNATION OF THE PREMIER.

SEQUEL TO TREATY.

Bagdad, Yesterday.

Following the recent resignations of the Ministers of Finance and the Interior on the publication of the terms of the Treaty between Great Britain and Iraq, the Premier, Jafar Pasha, has tendered his resignation to King Faisal, who has ordered the formation of a new Cabinet.

It is believed that Jafar Pasha's resignation is due to a difficulty in finding suitable substitutes for the resigned Ministers.—Reuter's American Service.

MINE EXPLOSION.

EIGHT MEN KILLED IN ILLINOIS.

OBSTRUCTION CLEARED AFTER LANDSLIDE.

The motor road between Chinwan and Castle Peak, which was blocked by the fall of a landslide following the rain, has been cleared and has been cleared of the obstruction, and is now re-opened for traffic.

TEN MISSING.

West Frankfort (Illinois), Yesterday.

Eight miners have been killed and ten are missing as the result of an explosion in the Industrial Coal Company's mine.—Reuter's American Service.

Political Complaint.

Proceeding, Mr. Lo said that on the charge before his Worship was one for bail. They (the defense) did not mind high bail, but they did ask for bail, and the extradition proceedings should not be allowed to stand in the way of bail being granted. Mr. Lo did not like to go into conjecture, but the chances were that here would be another requisition from another jurisdiction.

Another Requisition.

Mr. Lindsell said that there was power to detain persons pending an extradition requisition.

Mr. Lo continued to argue that the charge before his Worship was one for bail. They (the defense) did not mind high bail, but they did ask for bail, and the extradition proceedings should not be allowed to stand in the way of bail being granted.

Proceeding, Mr. Lo said that if the accused were given bail, they could not go out of Hong Kong, as they would not dare to go to Macao. They certainly would not want to go to Canton, and the only place they could possibly go was Japan, but there was nothing but forward to show that if the accused were given bail they would not go to face the charge and even the extradition proceedings against them. It was a shame for them to be held from January 6 to 10, and then to be held again.

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TWO DETAINED MEN IN POLICE COURT.

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GENERAL MEETING of the
Society will be held in Mr. D. J.
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Stokes and Master), Prince's
Building, on FRIDAY, 13th Janu-
ary, 1928, at 5.30 p.m.

BUSINESS:
(a) To receive the Report of the
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Katori Maru (6,128) Japanese, from Singapore, — N. Y. K.—222 passengers, 1,049 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 5,303 tons general (through).

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CHINESE CARPENTER INJURED AT TAIKOO.

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A CLARION CALL.

Like the poor the sceptics are always with us. In regard to education, and particularly the education of Chinese, it may be that the number of sceptics has increased since the student class throughout China first identified themselves most ingloriously with the rise of sentiment against the foreigner at the bidding of Moscow.

It is, therefore, most refreshing to find not only a contrary view but a view that has in it the elements of a stimulus to the leaders of the Chinese to rise up and call the University of Hong Kong truly blessed.

SCENE IN COURT.**A JEWISH WOMAN BOUND OVER.****LAWYER AS SURETY.**

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Major C. Wilson had before him a Chinese woman named Wong Chu-wan, and Sybel Joseph, a Jewish woman, who were charged with disorderly conduct by fighting in the street in town on Friday night. Both claimed that the other struck the first blow.

The Magistrate bound them both over in a sum of \$50 each to be of good behaviour for six months, or, in default, seven days' jail.

Joseph created scenes both inside and outside the Court. Eventually it was reported to the Magistrate that she was unable to find a surety, and she was committed to prison.

Later Mr. Leo d'Almada, senior, appeared in Court, and after a private consultation with his Worship, went surely for Joseph, who was released.

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The Inspector replied that that should always be done.

Mr. Limage remarked that that was not done in other countries where as long as the road was clear and there was room to pass a following car could go ahead of a slow moving car in front.

The Magistrate agreed with the Inspector that in Hong Kong's following car should wait to receive a signal before passing, and finding the charge against the defendant proved, imposed a fine of \$10.

BACK AGAIN.**JAIL AND 20 STROKES FOR CHINESE.**

Before Mr. Roger Edward Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning a Chinese was charged with returning to the Colony after he had been banished for a period of ten years. In December, 1923, he pleaded guilty.

Reading the accused's record, Sub-Inspector Vincent, in charge of Police Records, stated that on two occasions, in July and September, 1923, the accused received ten strokes and 48 hours' detention, and in December of the same year 14 days' jail and six strokes for stealing. He was banished after serving his full sentence.

Sentence of six months' hard labour and 20 strokes was passed

ON POKFULUM ROAD**EUROPEAN CAR DRIVER FINED.****POLICE EVIDENCE.**

At "traffic time" at the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. J. Limage was summoned before Major C. Wilson for driving motor car No. 2351 in a dangerous manner in Pokfulum Road at noon on New Year's Day.

He denied the charge.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Alexander said that he was on motor cycle patrol on the Pokfulum Road, going in the direction of Pokfulum when near the pumping station he saw motor car No. 399 approaching him on the left side of the road. Behind this car was car No. 2351 which overtook No. 399 round a bend on the extreme right of the road. The witness drove his cycle off the roadway to the entrance of the pumping station and gave the defendant the whole road. After stopping for a few minutes to talk to the driver of car No. 399, the witness tried to catch the defendant up, but failed to do so.

The Whole Road.

By the Magistrate: Had another car, or the witness's own cycle, a few yards higher up the road near the bend, there would have been a smash, as the defendant's car was going very fast—not less than 30 miles per hour. As it was, the witness saw danger in remaining on the road and left it. The defendant must have seen him but did not slow up, so the Inspector decided it was safer to give him the whole road.

Defendant said that he attempted to pass car No. 399 near the Hotung Engineering School, where there was a very slight bend. The road here, he claimed, was practically a straight one and he could see the corner of the University.

The road was clear, there was not a single vehicle on the road. As the car in front was going very slow, the defendant thought that if he did not pass it before it got to Bonham Road, he would have to remain behind it until they reached Government House. Therefore he put on speed and passed the other car before reaching the pumping station. It was then that he noticed the police cycle, which had not sounded its hooter. Even then there was no danger as he had cleared the other car when still well off the pumping station.

Driver's Testimony.

The driver of car No. 399 said he was travelling at about 16 miles per hour when a large Fiat car suddenly passed him. It went so fast that he was unable to see its number. There was no horn sounded from behind before the Fiat flew past. Witness estimated the speed of the Fiat at over 20 m.p.h. When the Fiat was half past his car, the Inspector's cycle approached in the opposite direction. The Inspector drove off the road to allow the Fiat to pass. The witness did not signal the Fiat to pass him.

By the Magistrate: The witness thought that if the Inspector did not drive off the road there was little possibility of a crash.

Road Clear.

Mr. Carl Anulph, who was in Mr. Limage's car, corroborated the defendant's statement that the road was clear of vehicles, and said they had a clear view in front of them as far as where Pokfulum Road went down an incline. Besides, car No. 399 was on the extreme left of the road, and there was plenty of space for Mr. Limage to pass. The witness also stated that Mr. Limage put on speed to between 25 and 30 miles per hour to pass the leading car. The Inspector's cycle appeared unexpectedly and the witness did not hear any horn. There was no need for the Inspector to leave the road as there was plenty of room on their right for a motor cycle to pass.

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\$10 OR \$100?**CHARGE OF ALTERING NOTES.****A SERIOUS CASE.**

Before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was charged with uttering two \$10 notes of the Mercantile Bank of India, the figures on which had been altered to make the notes represent those of \$100 denomination. The allegation against the man was that he uttered the notes at two different shops last Thursday and Saturday, respectively.

Two other Chinese were charged with having been concerned with the first man in the uttering of the second of the two forged notes.

According to Sergeant Brittain, who prosecuted, the first accused visited a shop at No. 665, Shanghai Street, on Thursday last, and after purchasing goods to the value of \$9, tendered one of the altered notes in payment. He received change, and it was not until later when the note was handed to the shopkeeper's brother and the latter attempted to change it that the note was discovered to be a forgery.

A Coincidence.

All the three accused on Saturday by a coincidence visited the shopmaster's brother's shop at No. 203, Lai Chi Kok Road and after making purchases, tendered the second forged note. The similarity of the note and the one previously passed by the first accused was immediately recognised, and all three accused were detained, and subsequently handed over to the police.

The Magistrate said he thought the case was a rather serious one and decided that it had better be made one for committal to the Criminal Sessions. Further hearing, however, was adjourned until to-morrow.

FORGED NOTES.**PENAL SERVITUDE SENTENCES IN MANCHESTER.****SCAPEGRACE OF FAMILY.**

The hearing of the charges of forging Treasury notes, or uttering them was concluded at the Manchester Assizes on November 30, when three of the men found guilty of uttering were sentenced. John Shea, 46, salesman, was sent to prison for fifteen months, George Freshney, 52, clerk, for eighteen months, and Harold Moore, 24, ship's steward, for six months.

Detective-sergeant King said Shea had eleven convictions for offences, including burglary and shoplifting, but only one since the war, in which he served. Freshney, a native of Cheviot, near Wakefield, was a racecourse frequenter, confidence trickster, and associate of thieves. He was never known to follow employment of an honest nature. His convictions were mostly for being a suspected person. Moore was the son of a well-known Liverpool businessman, but appeared to have been a sort of scapegrace of the family. He was not of the clever criminal type like the others. He had been dragged into that crowd, and had given the police every assistance.

The Court then considered the cases of Herbert Crawford, 26, signwriter; Michael Grogan, 32, steward, and Herbert Thomas, 51, clerk, charged with having conspired together to forge \$1 notes, Crawford pleaded guilty to making implements of forgery, of having them in his possession, and of having paper for notes. The other two pleaded not guilty.

Moore, who had been sentenced, gave evidence of a meeting of the gang arranged in a public house, and stated that Crawford said "Either Grogan or Thomas are twisting. There ought to have been 28. Instead there is only 21."

Crawford was sentenced to three years and Grogan to four years' penal servitude.

Thomas was found not guilty and was discharged.

IN ARREARS.**THREE FAMILIES TO SUPPORT.**

At Willesden on November 30, Ernest Mackay, 40, a homeless musician, was charged with being \$112 in arrears on a child maintenance order.

It was stated that he left Britain on the morning of his rearrest, having just completed his second sentence for bigamy, and, now, with little prospect of work, he was liable for the support of three families. One of the wives described accused as "a good man at his trade but with a failing for women."

Mackay assured the magistrate that if he had a month to pull himself together he would find work and pay off the arrears.

He was remanded until Feb. 1, when his trial will be heard before Mr. Justice J. S. Stannard, of the County Court, and the City of London.

DOUBLE MURDER.**ALLEGED GUNMEN CHARGED.****FURTHER EVIDENCE.**

Chen Hung, one of the trio of Chinese gunmen arrested by the police in connection with the shooting affray between a quartette of armed desperados and a police picket, made another appearance before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon charged with the murder of two Chinese constables during a running pistol fight from Bonham Strand to the heart of the City in the early hours of the morning of December 7 last.

The police picket, it may be recalled, stopped the four gunmen in order to search them. Two of the desperados opened fire wounding Sergeant Thomas McMahon, in charge of the picket, and a Chinese detective. Then followed the running fight in which one of the gunmen was shot dead, a second was arrested a little distance from where the shooting of the police took place and a third got clear away at the time, but was subsequently arrested by the police a few days after the affray.

Opened Fire.

The fourth man, the accused, was chased right into town before he was eventually brought down at the corner of Chiu Loong Street and Des Voeux Road Central, near the Connaught Garage. He was then found to be wounded in several places and had to be removed to the hospital.

In the course of the chase of this man it was alleged by the prosecution that he opened fire on two Chinese and one Indian constables, one of the former being an armed Yaumati Ferry wharf searcher who was shot through the heart and killed instantly. The other two were severely wounded. Subsequently the Chinese detective who was wounded at the same time as Sergeant McMahon died in hospital, so that the accused is faced with double murder.

Flight Described.

Graphic details of the running fight were given yesterday afternoon by a District Watchman who joined in the chase soon after the police picket had been fired on. This evidence bore out Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith's opening statement of the case for the Crown and the depositions of previous witnesses who were examined during an earlier hearing of the case. The case was again adjourned.

MALAYAN POLICE.**GOVERNOR AND "CAREER" RESTRICTIONS.**

SPY MANIA.

THREE MORE SOVIET DEATH SENTENCES.
15 PERSONS INVOLVED.

Riga, Yesterday.
Three out of the 15 tried at Leningrad on espionage charges on behalf of Finland, have been sentenced to death. The others were given varying terms of imprisonment. Two of the former had their sentences commuted to 10 years' imprisonment in accordance with the November amnesty, but the Court appealed and the Soviet Executive did not reprove the third.—Reuter.

NO HOPE.

GERMAN REPARATION PAYMENTS.

NEVER BE PAID UP.

Bordeaux, Yesterday.
A noteworthy utterance was made by the Frenchman, M. Albert Thomas, Director of the International Labour Office, to the effect that no expert considered that the full execution by Germany of reparation payments could ever be realised. "We must sooner heed the warnings of the Agent-General of Reparations Payments."—Reuter.

CANTON OFFICIALS.

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ments. Counsel respectfully and earnestly asked the Magistrate as the Bench to say that the accused were entitled to bail.

Police Opposition.

Mr. Lindsell asked Mr. King if the \$100,000 was attached, and Mr. King replied that it was.

Mr. King, in opposing bail said that Mr. Lo's argument as to the possibility of the accused leaving the Colony was not convincing, as there was really nothing to hold the accused back beyond whatever bail that was fixed. With regard to Mr. Lo's statement that the accused did no dare go to Macao, he (Mr. King) would tell the Court that the original information was against three men. The two accused were arrested between 5 and 7 a.m., and the third man left for Macao at 12 noon on January 5.

Stolen From Canton.

Mr. King proceeded to say that the police had since made inquiries and had the information that over \$100,000 was stolen from Canton and deposited in a certain bank in Hong Kong. Subsequently part of that money was transferred to another bank and one of the accused went to the second bank to arrange the transfer of that money to Shanghai but the bank refused to do it.

Mr. Lo said that the whole point was whether the transfer of the money was intended for the treasury at Shanghai or for the accused's personal privy purse. Counsel added that however high bail the Magistrate wished to fix the defence did not mind, but they want to feel that justice had been made to them by allowing them bail.

MILLION DOLLARS.

Mr. Lindsell remarked to Mr. King that he did not see why the whole of the \$100,000 should not be paid as bail.

Mr. King said that another consideration against bail was that he had seen an authentic document in Canton speaking of a million dollars being involved, but for what amount the requisition would be he could not say.

Mr. Lo volunteered to supply the information ex parte and not with the accused's instruction that a large part of the money was with the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation securely attached and fixed, and the only thing that he did not know was whether it would eventually be handed over to the regime the defence wanted it to go to.

Could "Hop Off."

Relying to Mr. Lindsell, Mr. King said that he had no reason to doubt Mr. Lo's statement, but he understood that the money was in Canton. The only reason why he said bail should not be granted was because the accused could "hop off."

Mr. Lo emphasised that the reason why he did not insist on bail, at the previous hearing was because Mr. King had said then that the question of bail would be considered that morning, and now Mr. King applied for a remand as before.

Mr. Lindsell decided that in view of the difficulty of proving the larceny charge he would grant the accused bail in the sum of \$50,000 each.

The case was adjourned until January 12 at 10 a.m.

PRIME MINISTER.

AN UNCOVETED HONOUR BY ROYAL SOCIETY.

"LOOK OF WONDER."

The Prime Minister, who was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Society, was on November 30 the principal guest at the anniversary dinner of that body, at the Hotel Victoria, London.

In a speech full of humour, Mr. Baldwin confessed to his surprise at his election as a Fellow, and suggested that the explanation for this uncovert honour might be that he was known to be a politician who had a profound disgust for rhetoric, who never practised it, and who preferred to lower the temperature of political life by very often putting his thoughts into the refractory.

Describing the Royal Society as "the scientific conscience of the whole country," the Premier declared that the Government owed a deep debt of gratitude to the Fellows of the society for the work they had so freely and willingly given in the public interest.

Sir Ernest Rutherford presided, and the guests included Lord Hewart (Lord Chief Justice), Mr. Neville Chamberlain (Minister of Health), Viscount D'Abernon, Lord Clinton, Sir Frank Dyson (the Astronomer Royal), Sir John Brunner, Sir Alfred Mond, M.P., and Dean Inge.

The Prime Minister, proposing the toast of the evening, "The Royal Society," referred to his recent election as a Fellow of the society. He said: I have coveted some honour during my life and received them. I never coveted this honour, because it never seemed one that could possibly fall to my lot. You have had poets as members of the Royal Society in the old days, and you will remember that when the Blessed Damozel leant over the gate of Heaven it was many days before a look of wonder left her face. That look of wonder has not left mine yet. (Laughter.)

I have looked on the Royal Society with the feeling of awe and wonder which is common to my fellow-countrymen outside your bounds. As a layman, and one profoundly ignorant, I think much of the respect in which you are held comes from the nature of the subjects which you study, and the obscurity of the language in which you write about them. (Laughter.) I remember some years ago talking to Sir Joseph Larmor in his library at St. John's. I am fond of books, and looked over his, and, having done so, I said to him, "There is not a single book on all these shelves of which I can understand a single word," and Sir Joseph replied, "Probably not." (Laughter.)

I have a still smaller recollection, when I was a small boy, of my father and his brother-in-law, Sir Edward Poynter—neither of them without culture of a certain kind—going with a friend to hear paper read at the Royal Society. If my memory serves me right, it was read by Lord Rayleigh. The subject of that paper was "Supercoiled Curves." What I remember about it mainly is that neither my father nor Sir Edward Poynter understood a word from beginning to end, and that no less distinguished a man than Professor Huxley was in the same gallery. At the end he drew on a blackboard in the room a picture of a Lifeguardman, in the shell jacket then fashionable in the Army, bending over and kissing a tiny girl underneath. He wrote the words, "A supercosmopolitan curve." (Laughter.)

"Disgust for Rhetoric."

I do not know why you want a politician in your midst. We live in different worlds. You deal with suns, stars, atoms, and electrons, and I with rates and taxes. (Laughter.) With you space and time are merely appearances, but with me they are grim realities. You are a priesthood and worship truth. I belong to a sect, and— (Laughter.) You employ a hypothesis as far as it will carry, you. When it is unserviceable you discard it and find a new one. If we discard our hypotheses we are not said to be pushing forward the bounds of knowledge—we are called rats. (Laughter.)

You keep silence until you know the truth. That would impose a great strain on us. (Laughter.)

When you have found the truth you try to describe it in a few words. Our constituents grade us according to the number of columns of Hansard we produce, and if we keep silence we render ourselves liable to a vote of censure. (Laughing.) We make paroxysms, and so do you, and I prefer yours to mine. I think you may have been moved to elect me a member of your society, because you know I am at any rate one of those politicians who have a profound disgust for rhetoric, who never practices it, and who prefers to lower the temperature of political life by very often putting his thoughts into a refrigerator.

It may be so, and if it is so I am grateful to you. There are some subjects on which perhaps I have a

HAPSBURG HEIR.

"KING OTTO'S 15TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION."

2,000 AT BANQUET.

At Budapest the other day all the Royalist magnates, to the number of two thousand, attended a banquet in celebration of the fifteenth birthday of "King Otto." Among them were leaders of political parties, merchant princes, big-wigs of commerce and industry, and representative men from all parts of Hungary. Among names picked out at random are Apponyi, Odescalchi, Andrasz, Vassics, Szterenyi, Sigray, Esterhazy, Palugyan, Csekonits and Karoly (the untainted branch). At the climax of the feast Count Zichy raised his glass and drank to King Otto "soon to reign over us." Horthy would like to stop demonstrations of this kind but dare not, for he is nominally Regent for his sovereign lord the King, and he contrives to hang on only by pleading that the overwhelming wishes of the nation are overruled by the interference of the Little Entente and France.

little knowledge. I know something of the nature and the different kinds of gas. (Laughter.) I believe you describe the heat of a gas as chiefly the energy of motion and its particles. It is that which gives a gas its expansive force. If the heat is excessive odd things happen. I understand the true balance depends not only on the question of temperature, but also on the number of particles, which I believe you call density. Temperature and density are things I am brought up against every day of my life. (Loud laughter.) If, any time, I can render your society any service in that direction I will put my knowledge at your disposal. You are better prophets than we are; you prophesy about the comets, the tides, and eclipses. There are prophets among us today who foretell the result of the next General Election, a bolder prophecy than any you indulge in. They also prophesy the direction of the flowing tide, but I have never yet met a politician who will express in public the prophecy of his own eclipse. They know it sometimes, but they have not that passionate desire to give expression to the truth which you have. (Loud laughter.)

Battleships and Hymns:
I feel some comfort in reflecting that ministers and judges with whom I am, perhaps, more akin than the scientists, have been and are now elected Fellows. With many of them, of course, their recreations, as mine, are not scientific. I was looking only to-day in the last volume of the Dictionary of National Biography, and found to my delight that a most distinguished Civil Servant, who devoted his life to designing battleships, spent his spare time composing hymns for a Baptist chapel. (Laughter)—and I find now that the rector of a country parish was adviser to the War Office on the science of artillery. (Laughter.)

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STAR THEATRE.

GLOBE TROTTERS REVUE SEASON.

"HAPPY MOMENTS" TO-NIGHT.

To-night at 9.15 Mr. Dick Norton and his Globe Trotters will begin their season at the Star Theatre with their cabaret programme, "Happy Moments."

The Globe Trotters are talented vocalists, musicians and dancers. Dick Norton is a host in himself and from recent reports from India, Burma and Malaya should be better than ever in his character roles and songs. Leo Brooker, besides being a comedian is a splendid dancer. Miss Lella Forbes is a clever comedienne and singer, while Miss Daphne de Lise is a leading dancer of the Company. Other members of the Company are the Misses Constance Garrett and Marion Hallwood, the former has an exceptionally fine soprano voice while the latter has been an accompanist and entertainer to Dame Clara Butt.

"Happy Moments" will be followed by "Scenes and Screams," "Pleasure Land" and "Incidents." Booking is now open at Messrs. Moutrie's and the Star Theatre at the popular prices of \$8, \$2 and \$1.

CINEMA NOTES.

"LA BOHEME" AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

A CAST OF STARS.

The splendid screen version of the famous romance, "La Boheme" returns to the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow with Lillian Gish as the tragic "Mimi" and John Gilbert playing "Rodolphe," her poet lover. Reproductions of the quaint old streets of the Latin Quarter were constructed with absolute fidelity for this new picture, and a particularly strong cast was assembled for the play. Renee Adoree plays "Musetta," a role famous through the "Musetta Waltz" and Roy D'Arcy, the "Crown Prince" of "The Merry Widow," is seen as "Paul," the suave boulevardier. Karl Dane, Edward Everett Horton, Gino Corrado, George Hassell and other well-known artistes appear. Dane recently leaped to fame as "Slim" in "The Big Parade," and his transition from a dough boy in the war picture to the kindly French concierge in "La Boheme" returns to the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow with Lillian Gish as the tragic "Mimi" and John Gilbert playing "Rodolphe," her poet lover. 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LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. K. S. Nair, Municipal Veterinary Surgeon, is given the powers and duties of Government Veterinary Surgeon in Singapore.

Mr. T. W. Stubbs is appointed to be a member of the Board of Visitors to the Singapore Reformatory in the place of Mr. E. Gately.

"I am a good husband," said a man at Croydon County Police Court, "I can cultivate the garden, do snobbing (boot-repairing), make clothes, and cut hair."

Under instructions from the Imperial Government the Governor has been pleased to recognise Mr. Robert M. J. Fellner as United States Vice-Consul at Singapore.

The marriage of Mr. Arthur James Simon, assistant Pastor of the Methodist Tamil Church, Ipoh, and Miss Rajammal Gnanapragam, is to take place at Wesley Church, Klang.

Acting on information received,

the Police made a seizure of 14,160 rounds of ammunition near the Naval Torpedo Basin at Laichikok on Sunday night. One arrest was

made.

Admiral Andrew Kennedy Bickford, C.M.G., R.N., of Hove, A.D.C. to Queen Victoria, 1890-1899, who died on Oct. 9, aged 83, left property of the gross value of £4,281, with net personality £4,234.

The necessary work of clearing the block on the road between Tsui Wan and Castle Peak, caused by the landslide of Sunday has been started, and before long the road will be available for motorists.

The marriage arranged between Capt. Philip Jeremy Gwyn and Miss Elisabeth Tilley, elder daughter of the Rt. Hon. Sir John Tilley, G.C.G.C., and Lady Tilley, was to take place at Tokyo on January 7.

Mr. Chu Chao Hsin, formerly Chinese Minister in London and delegate to the League of Nations, has, it is stated in London diplomatic quarters, been appointed Commissioner for Foreign Affairs in Canton.

Lady Heath, the air pilot, has sailed for South Africa for a holiday, and has taken a two-seater light aeroplane packed up on the steamer in which she is travelling. She intends to use her machine for making flying visits in South Africa.

The Hotel Riviera, Macao, opens on Sunday, January 15, when there will be a special dinner-dance in the evening. Tables may be booked at the Hong Kong Hotel. The s.s. "Sui An" leaves here at 9 a.m. and leaves Macao at 5 p.m. on the day in question.

Mr. Kenneth Axford Toft, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. A. Toft, of Seremban, who was formerly on the staff of the Anglo-Chinese School, Seremban, recently sat for his B.A. examination at the Hong Kong University. He is expected back in Malaya shortly, and on his return will join the Government English School, Seremban.

C. V. Lingham, a clerk in the Survey Department, Kuala Lumpur, who was arrested some time ago in Ipoh in connection with a charge of forgery and criminal misappropriation, was charged in the Kuala Lumpur Police Court, with forging the name of "B. Solomon" on a cheque for \$71.40 issued by the Survey Department on Oct. 29, and criminally misappropriating the money, which was delivered to him. He reserved his defence and was committed for trial at the next Assizes.

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SPORTS

SATURDAY'S SOCCER.

Close Results in the Senior League.

BRIGHT JUNIOR FOOTBALL.

Two Final Interport Trials.

[By Rover.] A full programme of League matches was carried out on Saturday and cold weather prevailing, all the games were productive of good football, the only drawback being a rather high wind which on some of the grounds interfered with accurate movements.

The game of the day was at King's Park where the Police showed they are not back number by making a very creditable struggle against the Athletic. Starting without Oram and Jessop, two of the halves, as Hudson, who would have played centre forward, had to revert to his old position at centre half, where he played a great game, but he was very much wanted forward, where his inclusion would have made all the difference. It was Chan and Suen on the left wing, who beat the Police, despite a great game a back by Paddy Wynne.

The clever Chinese played for their side with an understanding that was most difficult to upset. Suen was outstanding on Saturday and made ground whenever the ball came to him and is at present the most effective inside forward playing in Hong Kong football. The Athletic on Saturday were not so impressive as in recent matches as the right wing was only ordinary, and if Sherry, who played a fine game for the Police, had converted the penalty awarded early in the game, the Police might easily have created a surprise.

The Police will command respect in future matches with a full side and with Oram back at centre half and Hudson shaking the forwards up, will get goals.

There was not much to comment on in the other Senior games. Recreio are again getting into their stride and will be all out for the Shield, whilst the R.A. did well to beat them on Saturday, in a game where the Military side appeared more at home in the Chatham Road ground than their opponents, who are more accustomed to the King's Park ground which is far superior to the Military ground and more helpful to combined movements.

Kowloon, with McElvie back, progressed, and only in the matter of goals were they inferior to the Borderers and the improvement of the Peninsular side is likely to be continued, especially if Northey can get fit and supply that little extra dash which the Kowloon forwards require.

The Guards won as expected but there was not a lot in it, and I think the Guards are more happy at Sookumpoo or on the Club ground where there is more freedom of movement. Anyhow the Guards are not losing many points these days and appear to be gathering strength for a strong finish.

The Club, assisted by Willie Gerrard, did not give much away to the Queen's and improved on former displays against the Regimental side. Howard's loss to the Club is a bit of bad luck as with this player back the Club would still be a force to be reckoned with and their display on Saturday was promising.

Amongst the Juniors the Borderers Reserves won as expected but had to go all the way, the Regiments understanding and combination just weighing in, but the three goal victory slightly flattered them all the same.

The meeting of Recreio Reserves and Chinese Athletic Reserves produced a fine game with the Athletic just that little bit superior which made all the difference. The athletic fielded three players, left back, right half and inside forward, who were regular players in the first team last year so that the King's Park Juniors did well, and Recreio and the Athletic both possess capable reserves. Fernandez in goal for Recreio is a capable player as also is Silva-Neto at back and with a little more confidence several of the Recreio Reserves will develop into good players. The Athletic outside left; in addition to the players mentioned, played very well and is a smart winged although on the small side.

Kowloon Reserves fielded a strong side at Chatham Road and won well, being worth more than one goal over their opponents, while the B. Division team gained a surprising victory by 4 goals to nil which is a good sign that the Peninsula Club is healthy on recruits. Muir, Guest, Bliss, Wood, Coates and Eastman all being likely aspirants to the Senior XI.

The Hong Kong Interport XI will, it is hoped turn out at full strength against the Navy on Wednesday as the Navy are worthy opponents and this match and the one on Saturday against a strong Rest team will be the only opportunities we shall have to see our selected side full out. Both the

GOLF.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP OF LOS ANGELES.

MACDONALD SMITH WINS.

Los Angeles, Yesterday. In the Los Angeles Open Golf Championship over 72 holes, MacDonald Smith (Great Neck, New York) scored 284, winning \$3,500; Harry Cooper (California) 287; Abe Espinoza (Chicago) 290; Bill Melhorn (New York), Tommy Armour (Rockville) and Alvatross (Grand Rapids) all tried for fourth place with 292.—Reuter's American Service.

Miami Open Title.

Miami (Florida), Yesterday. Having won the Miami Beach open golf championship last week Gene Sarazen with 289, yesterday captured the Miami open title. Joe Hutchison scored 290 and Joe Kirkwood and Willie Klein tied for third place with 292.—Reuter's American Service.

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS.

The results of the qualifying competition at Fanling on Sunday were:

H. G. Hegarty	89
S. T. Buttin	89
D. G. Bruce	89
C. L. Sandes	90
A. K. Henderson	92
B. D. Evans	92
D. J. Gilmore	92
D. Forbes	93
E. Grimes	93
A. D. Humphreys	93
Major Lynch	93
J. H. Little	94
F. Cowherd	94
T. C. Monaghan	94
The above qualify.	
N. K. Littlejohn	95
H. Spicer	95
A. Leach	95
H. A. Lammert	95
J. Smith	96
A. O. Brown	96
E. C. Frederick	97
M. H. Roffey	98
T. Low	98
F. Taylor	98
G. Davidson	98
J. W. Alabaster	99
K. Ewart	99
C. B. Robertson	99
68 entries.	

* Will play off for last two places on Sunday, January 15.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

Played at Fanling on Saturday and Sunday.

A. K. Henderson, 92—16—76, qualifies.

Other scores:—

E. D. Matthews	86—9—77
K. S. Robertson	87—91—78
A. E. Lissaman	86—8—78
D. G. Bruce	89—10—79
T. D. E. Pendered	82—3—79
C. C. Stark	84—4—80
H. A. Lammert	95—15—80
D. J. Gilmore	92—12—80

There were 32 entries.

F. BALL'S APPOINTMENT.

Atlanta (Georgia).—Frank Ball, formerly of the Langley Park Club, Kent, has been appointed professional to the Eastgate Country Club here, in succession to Stewart Maiden. Ball finished third in the British Open Championship at Hoylake three years ago. He has been resident in America for two years.

Navy and the Rest XI are capable of putting up a good show, but the Interport XI, if they combine and play up to their Club reputations, should win each match with a bit to spare. If they don't it does not necessarily follow that they are a weak side, as I still think the Interport XI is nearly the best team which could be picked; but they must be given an opportunity, especially forward, to get familiar with one another, and these two hard games should provide that opportunity and fit them for the strenuous work at Shanghai. We expect to win both matches and to play up to their Club reputations, but to play for the side all the time.

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WORLD CHESS.

NEW CHAMPION AND THE OLD.

PRISON STUDIES.

After one of the most prolonged matches in the history of chess, Alexander Alekhine has succeeded in wresting the championship of the world from Señor Capablanca. The match had been in progress at Buenos Aires since September 15. When it opened, Capablanca was expected to have no great difficulty in defeating his challenger. Alekhine, though he had shown himself to be the leading player of Europe, was not believed to have advanced to the standard of the Cuban master, who, at the age of 33, succeeded the redoubtable Lasker as world's champion.

In the early games it became apparent that the champion's powers would be extended to their utmost, and Alekhine soon falsified predictions by establishing a lead. The play was worthy of the championship, and several games will live in chess history. Both the contestants gave evidence of their ability to turn adverse positions into a draw, if not into victory. Several times the onlookers had predicted success for one or other player at the adjustment, but the following day the inevitable draw would be agreed to.

The series had gone to the thirty-fourth game before Alekhine gained the sixth win, which entitled him to victory and the championship. Capablanca had three wins to his credit. Twenty-five games had been drawn. The proportion of draws to decisive results—the ratio is nearly four to one—has prompted criticism of the players for safety tactics, but this is in accordance with the tendency of modern chess, a tendency to which Capablanca has contributed.

Wealthy Family.

The new champion, now 36 years old, was a member of a wealthy Russian family of very good position. He attended as a competitor in a tournament outside his own country for the first time at Mannheim in 1914. All the competitors in that tournament were there by invitation of the German Chess Federation, but this, however, did not prevent the German authorities from sending their own guests into internment. Alekhine turned his confinement to advantage, employing the hours of inaction by making a further study of the game.

His is a restless disposition, and he finally struck out for freedom. He succeeded in reaching Switzerland, and from there travelled to London by a roundabout way.

In the game his progress has been very rapid. He brought to the board not only analytical knowledge gained during his enforced stay in Germany, but also a passionate determination to succeed, backed by a strong character and a sympathetic personality. He played with energy unusual in chess masters as a rule. The ambition to gain the highest position in chess was coupled with the resolve, backed by study, to qualify himself for a legal career in France.

The Boy Genius.

On account of his successes as a comparative youth, Capablanca has been better known to the public, perhaps, than any player of recent times. To find a parallel of his case one would have to go back to the great Morphy. When only 20 Capablanca had already a remarkable list of achievements. At 16 he defeated the Cuban champion, and he established world fame by emerging a winner of the tournament at San Sebastian, in 1911, in which he had to meet such famous masters as Tarrasch, Janowsky, Marshall, and Rubinstein. He first challenged Dr. Lasker in 1911, but it was not until ten years later that Lasker resigned the world's title to him. When he resigned the score stood five to five against Lasker. Capablanca was then at the height of his powers, and it is suggested that since then his play has deteriorated somewhat.

In the 1924 tournament in London he was defeated by Roti, the first important match in which he had failed for nearly ten years, and again he lost at Moscow, in 1925, succumbing to Iljin Zeversky.

YACHTING.

LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP RACE.

Yesterday the 5th Championship race for the Ladies was sailed from the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club. The course was (1) Lyemun Beacon (P.), Cuck Rock Buoy (P.), Distance: 5.6 miles.

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Fixtures at Lord's.

The Oxford and Cambridge and Eton and Harrow matches will be played a week later than usual at Lord's next season. The following are the chief fixtures at headquarters in 1923.

May 2—M.C.C. v. Surrey.

May 19—M.C.C. v. West Indies.

June 16—England v. The Rest.

June 23—England v. West Indies.

July 9—Oxford v. Cambridge.

July 16—Eton v. Harrow.

July 18—Gentlemen v. Players.

KWANTI 'CHASE.

ENTRIES FOR JANUARY 21 MEETING.

FIVE EVENTS.

The following are the entries for the Kwanti Steeplechase meeting on Saturday, January 21:—

January Maiden Plate: One Mile.

Mr. F. A. Pollock, Athambra and Bill Brewer; Col. L. I. Comyn, Borderer, Dumbell, and Durham; Mr. N. Hashim, Chick To and Sunning;

Mr. C. W. P. Richardson, Cumber-

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great cause—the cause of healing and alleviation of human suffering—by his life-long fight against superstition and magic. Every one of you in the Faculty of Medicine owes him an undying debt; and those of you who go out into China to grapple with problems of sanitation and disease among a people whose trust is still largely placed in geomancy—if I may so translate the phrase, feng shui (風水)—whose belief in demons is still very real, and much of whose pharmacy and medicine is to this day non-rational, cannot do better than take the life and work of Hippocrates as your inspiration. If on the one hand you admit in humbleness of heart that few men can rival in genius the Father of Medicine, yet on the other hand you may little strengthen yourselves by reflecting that in equipment and in store of acquired, medical and general scientific knowledge you are immeasurably better endowed than was Hippocrates.

On Mathematics.

The Faculty of Arts in this University at present includes the study of mathematics. This is as it should be, for in art alone is the human mind truly creative, and in no realm of thought is this fact more apparent than in pure mathematics. Take, for example, arithmetic and geometry. The most abstract construction of which human thought is capable is the zero of arithmetic, self-identical, incapable of differentiation and its quantum unsusceptible of increase or decrease, the very type and symbol of that existential identity which forms the substratum of thought. We construct the zero of arithmetic as having neither magnitude nor position.

Let us then restore position while still abstracting extensity. Such a construction is the geometrical point or the unit of arithmetic. Neither can be found anywhere in *reum natura*; but, when symbolised, they form the starting points of the sciences of plane geometry and of pure number. Go further and restore extensity as well as position. For example, take two geometrical points and connect them in the most direct manner possible. Such a construction we call a straight line. But here again we may make various distinctions according to the nature of the extensity we restore. Thus we may concern ourselves only with the length of the line neglecting entirely its breadth. Such a thought-construction is the geometrical line. Or again we may make a thought-construction such that it has length and breadth without height. Such a construction we call a plane surface and it is the abstraction on which plane geometry is based. Finally we can construct extensity of three dimensions and this is the fundamental construction of solid geometry, which no longer abstracts height from length and breadth.

We see, then, that geometry constructs its definitions, axioms and postulates and that even in its most complicated theorems the progress is by construction. Three straight lines can enclose a space, because we construct them to do so. But this is our own constructive act, for otherwise two of the three lines might be parallel, in which case another line crossing them would not close a space, or each of the lines might be in a different plane.

The figures in pure mathematics are such as thought makes them, and the elements of which they are constructed contain only the properties with which thought has endowed them. It is for this reason that the demonstrations of pure mathematics possess a certainty and universality such as no other sciences have achieved. In other words, pure mathematics is *par excellence* the science in which bricks are made without straw or, to use a more appropriate metaphor, the science in which thought unaided by anything external to itself sets out on strange voyages of exploration through uncharted seas.

Euclid of Alexandria.
Mathematics has truly been called a Greek science and so far as pure geometry is concerned, the mathematician's technical equipment still is almost wholly Greek. The first great name is that of Thales of Miletus (about 624-547 B.C.), to whom are attributed the theorems that a circle is bisected by any diameter; that the angles at the base of an isosceles triangle are equal; that, if two straight lines cut one another, the vertically opposite angles are equal; that, if two triangles have two angles and one side respectively equal, the triangles are equal in all respects; and that the angle in a semi-circle is a right angle.

His greatest successor was Euclid of Alexandria, whose *Elements* in thirteen books, was still the work from which I was taught geometry as a school-boy. Euclid flourished about 300 B.C.; and, as Proclus said of him, he "brought to irrefragable demonstration the things which were only somewhat loosely proved by his predecessors". His instrument was the creative human intellect, little if at all aided by any tools or appliances.

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But consider now the case of Eratosthenes of Cyrene, who died in 195 B.C., and who set himself the task of measuring the size of this earth upon which we live, only very partially explored at that date by the inhabitants of the Mediterranean, and believed by most men to be flat. The only instrument used by Eratosthenes was a *gnomon*, that is a staff so erected that the position of its shadow indicated the hour of the day. He had ascertained that at Syene, the modern Aswan, on the day of the summer solstice at noon, a well was lit up through all its depth by the sun's rays, so that Syene lay on the tropic. He knew that the distance between Syene and Alexandria was 5,000 stadia and he made the assumption that these two towns lay on the same meridian.

Accordingly he set up a *gnomon* at Alexandria and observed that, on the day of the summer solstice at noon, the sun cast shadow from the *gnomon* at an angle equivalent to one-fiftieth of a great circle. With these data he calculated the polar circumference of the earth to be 250,000 stadia, or about 29,000 miles. His data were inaccurate and therefore his result was not correct.

Modern scientists have determined the earth's mean polar circumference to be 24,856 miles. But the method of Eratosthenes, depending in fact on the comparison of a line measured on the earth's surface with the corresponding arc of the heavens, is precisely that by which modern science with exact data has arrived at a correct measurement; and I commend the achievement of Eratosthenes to the mathematical undergraduates of the Arts Faculty as a remarkable illustration of what can be done in applied mathematics with the simplest appliances.

True Pioneers.
I need hardly dwell on the obvious fact that in other realms of art—poetry, prose, history, drama, painting, sculpture—the Greeks were true pioneers and that their wonderful achievements were the work of the creative human intellect with little or no help in the way of books, libraries, museum or other appliances, and with a legacy from the past that had often to be unlearned before any real progress was made.

But in the science of engineering the case is different. I suppose the earliest efforts of human engineering were employed in improving the cave-dwellings of primitive man and in the manufacture of hunting implements. In both these respects the Greek contributions to mankind came comparatively late. Other races, Egyptian and Mesopotamian were the pioneers. The Greeks perfected. Moreover, it is the voice of the engineer which is loudest in the outcry against being required to make bricks without straw, and not without reason, for materials are necessary to the engineer; without them he is severely handicapped and perhaps cannot work at all; while the invention of tools and appliances is one of the chief glories of the engineer. Thus Archimedes of Syracuse, a contemporary of Eratosthenes, to whom he dedicated his *Method* is famous for inventing a tubular screw, still used in pumping water, and for combining pulleys so as to raise immense weights.

Yet even among engineers the greatest are those who can transcend the limitations of their environment and who, even if they do not make bricks entirely without straw, nevertheless come pretty near to doing so.

Irrigation Works.
A good example of what I mean are the wonderful irrigation-works constructed in Ceylon long before any knowledge of western engineering science came to that island. In the latter half of the fifth century A.D. there reigned over Anuradhapura a famous King Dhatusena, whose tragic story is one of the most moving episodes in the annals of Ceylon. His engineers with local labour and the most primitive appliances dammed back the waters of the Kala-oya and built the marvellous reservoirs, known as Kalawewa and Balaluweva, which originally had an area (it is said) of 40 miles in circumference, and extended as far as Dambulla.

The total length of the combined dams of these two reservoirs is about six miles and they are in places as much as 50 feet high. Therefore, the labour involved in their construction must have been enormous, far exceeding anything accomplished in Hong Kong, where we are so justly proud of our reservoirs. Much of the work has stood the test of time; and to-day, when the reservoir is full and one approaches it by road, there is a fine view from the foot of a little forest-covered hill over about eight square miles of water, with distant mountains in the background. Nor is this all.

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From a sluice in Kalawewa the engineers of King Dhatusena, without theodolites or levels, and guided simply by the knowledge that water flows downhill, constructed a wonderful canal, called the Yod-ela, winding in and out between mountains and extending for fifty miles to the town of Anuradhapura, which it supplies with water to this day. It is a work to which any modern engineer might gladly point as his masterpiece; and it was achieved by human wit and patience, assisted only by the simplest and most primitive appliances. Unfortunately we do not know the names of the men who designed and supervised the construction of "this glorious work of fine intelligence." But what they did has insured to the benefit of generation upon generation of their fellow-countrymen and still stands as a monument to themselves and their King.

A Profound Lesson.

Members of the Congregation of the Hong Kong University! Is there not a profound lesson for ourselves in all this? Are we not apt to exclaim that here in the Hong Kong University we are called upon to make bricks without straw? Do we not say that our endowments are insufficient?

That we would achieve much more, if only we had the money? That we are cramped for space in our buildings and restricted in our teaching by lack of equipment? All this is true enough and sad enough. Our weapons may be blunt. But surely it will not become us to snap them and fling them from our hands. Rather must we stoop to build with worn-out tools the house not made with hands, that marvellous structure of human intelligence and human character which wrought with no other appliances than fortitude in adversity, patience in observation, perspicience in obscurity, daring in speculation, caution in reflection, truthfulness in all things and loving-kindness towards all men, is and will ever remain the noblest creation which this earth can show.

Battle Dust.

Graduates and Undergraduates of the Hong Kong University! Is there not a special lesson herein for you too? Men and women alike, you will most of you be called upon to do your life's work in China; and in these days there spreads a cloud of battle-dust over China, which is no dreamer's vision but a terrible reality from the sight of which we can nowhere escape.

It will not become you to hang craven-like along the battle-fringe or to creep away from the field of fight because your swords are not of keenest edge.

Here in this University by patient and faithful work you must fit yourselves in due time to bring succour to your fellow-countrymen and to save a great cause, the cause of civilisation in China, by your heroism and, if it be required of you, by the sacrifice of your lives.

Never in its history did China have more bitter need that her sons and daughters should prove themselves to be unselfish, honest, well-taught, well-disciplined, courageous and truthful. Never had she greater need of that King's son who, though wounded, sore beset and weaponless will snatch up were it only a broken sword and lead men with it to salvation.

May your country's dire distress be to you both a clarion-call and an inspiration! And may your training in this University fit you, one and all, to come to the rescue of a civilisation, once the admiration of the world, but now falling in ruin before our eyes!

REBUILDING A BRIDGE.**S.R. Service Alterations.**

London, Dec. 1. A big engineering job is being undertaken by the Southern Railway engineers on Sunday in connection with the reconstruction of a bridge carrying one of the Southern Railway main lines over the River Medway near Maidstone. This bridge is on the route used as an alternative to the Tonbridge line for the heavy Continental boat expresses running between Victoria and Folkestone and Dover, and in order to bring the bridge up to the standard that will take the heavy King Arthur and Lord Nelson class engines now hauling these trains it has been necessary to reconstruct it completely. The lines between Maidstone and Barming will be entirely closed on Sunday to railway traffic, in order to allow the old timber flooring of the bridge to be replaced by the new steel floor, which is 125ft. long and 26ft. wide, and weighs 180 tons. This work will necessitate the temporary removal of both railway tracks for a distance of about fifty yards, and during the twenty-six hours this work is in progress passengers will be conveyed between Maidstone East and Barming stations by a service of motor omnibuses. Certain slight alterations have also had to be made in the train service between Victoria and Ashford (via Maidstone East) on that day. A pamphlet giving the full service is obtainable at Southern Railway stations.

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